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"OPERATIONS PROCEEDING SATISFACTORILY."

The Secretary of the War Office made the following announcement last night:

Mesopotamians—General Lusk reports that at 5 a. m. this morning the Tigris Corps attacked and carried the enemy's entrenchments at the position at Umm el Hainah. The operation is proceeding satisfactorily.

OPERATIONS BEFORE THE SIEGE.

GENERAL NIXON'S DESPATCH.

A supplement to the *Lancet's Gazette* has tonight contained a despatch from General Sir John Nixon, dated January last, relative to the operations in Mesopotamia from the middle of April to the end of September, 1915, which has been forwarded to the War Office by the Government of India. At the first date his forces were in the Tigris, which has been forwarded to the War Office by the Government of India. At the first date his forces were in the Tigris, which has been forwarded to the War Office by the Government of India. At the first date his forces were in the Tigris, which has been forwarded to the War Office by the Government of India.

After the defeat and dispersion of the hostile tribesmen who had molested his advance, General Gorringe, in accordance with my instructions, made a series of demonstrations with a portion of his force from Bisaiti against the Turkish force which lay between him and Amara. This action was in co-operation with the impending advance of our detachment from Qurnah (commanded by Major-General Townshend) on Amara. It had the desired result of preventing reinforcement of the Turkish forces on the

While the 12th Division was advancing by the Karun and Kharkeh rivers, preparations were made to take advantage of the opportunity by the 12th Division using the command of Major General Townshend. Owing to the limited amount of river transport available at that time, the advance was made in stages. The advance was slow and difficult process, and the flooded country around Gurnah presented

"Bellums"—long, narrow boats of the country—were collected and armoured with iron plates, to be used for carrying infantry to the assault of the enemy's positions; troops were trained in punting and boat work; various types of guns mounted on rafts, barges, tugs, and paddlers; floating hospitals had to be improvised, and many other details of construction and equipment had to be thought out and provided for.

By the end of May preparations for the advance were complete. The Turkish force was entrenched north of Qurnah on islands formed where high ground stood out from the inundation which covered all lower lying country. The flooded state of the country rendered it a position of some strength, necessitating a carefully or-

organised attack in successive phases by combined naval and military operations. General Townshend's plan was to capture the advanced position by a frontal attack combined with a turning attack against the enemy's left flank, supported by the naval flotilla and the artillery afloat, and that on land within the Qurnah entrenchments.

The bold action of the mine-sweepers, which preceded the naval sloop and armed tug, enabled the latter to keep pace with the

troops, and their fire, combined with that of the Royal Artillery ashore and afloat, ensured the capture of the whole of the enemy's advanced position by noon. It was entirely due to careful preparation and organisation of artillery fire of all kinds that our casualties were very few. These operations form a good example of the co-operation of the

Royal Navy with infantry and artillery. An aeroplane reconnaissance on the morning of 1st June discovered that the enemy had evacuated his main position, and was in full retreat up the Tigris. The Naval Flotilla, led by H.M.S. *Esperie* (Captain Nunn, R.N.), pushed in pursuit, followed by the shipping with troops. H.M.S. *Comet* (Captain ... R.N.) with ...

tain Nunn, R.N.J., with General Townsend on board, and three armed tugs, occupied Amara in the afternoon of 3rd June, capturing there some 700 troops and 40 officers. This is a most excellent instance of courage and pertinacity in pursuit, and very creditable to all who took part in it. The leading infantry (2nd Battalion Norfolk Regiment) of the 6th Division arrived at Amara at

6.30 a.m. on 4th June, not a moment too soon, as the inhabitants were beginning to realise the size of the force which had cowed them into submission on the previous day. I consider that General Townshend carried out these operations in a highly creditable manner. His prompt and vigorous pursuit is worthy of high praise, and it was largely

due to his dash and enterprise that Amara was entered unopposed.

CAPTURE OF NASIRIYAH.

Immediately after the capture of Amara, preparations were taken in hand for the capture of Nasiriyah, on the Euphrates, the dominant place on this flank. Its importance lies in the fact that it is the base from

When a hostile force threatening Basrah must start; it is the centre from which influence can be exercised among the powerful Arab tribes which lie along the Euphrates;

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